

***Remarks***

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 3-9, 11, 15-19 are pending in the application, with 1 and 15 being the independent claims. Claims 1, 3-4, 7-9, 11, and 15-19 are sought to be amended. Claims 2, 10 and 12-14 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claim 20 is sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

***Conclusion***

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicant believes the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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